Plex renovations create housing concerns

By Rebecca Libert
NEWS EDITOR

Renovations were last week that next year would herald major housing shortages due to the forthcoming Plex renovations. At least one Plex dorm will be taken off-line next year, although exactly which one has not yet been determined.

At a meeting of the Plex Renovation Committee last Tuesday, it was explained that there are two timetable options for the renovations, both of which begin in June. One plan would begin the renovations with Park and Harris Dining Hall’s New Kitchen. The other plan would begin with Marshall. The funding for the renovations has been approved by the Board of Trustees, $27,500,000.

At the meeting the committee discussed the plans, which include a systematized yet more romantic outer view of the building, including a refacing of the buildings in stone or stucco, materials which fit more with the style of the rest of the buildings on campus, according to one architect working on the project. Harris will be given a more open and lighter feel, with sky lights over the center portion. The interior of the Plex dorms will be different too; the rooms will no longer be uniform, the windows and shape will vary from room to room.

Each floor will have a common room, adjacent to which will be a laundry room. The demolition will begin in June, and if it begins with Park and Harris, there will be many situations to be addressed. Among these are how to get people in and out of the Plex safely and conveniently and how to feed the campus while Harris is closed.

A Diamond in the Rough: Harvest Moon Cafe offers students a

By Jason Salter
ACTING FEATURES EDITOR

A man sits across the table from a woman in complete silence. They stare at different points on the brown dirty table in front of them with many things to say, but not saying them. Familiar, but unheard music hums in the background like our own Coffee Grounds, yet more complete strangers. Greene’s Books and Beans is relatively new on the coffee shop scene and has become quite a popular hangout for those who dare to mix their cappuccino with a good book. Primarily a book store, Greene’s has·chairs and tables for coffee drinkers and readers alike. With a bright and open design, it is not your typical coffee shop: perhaps that’s why it is so popular in its infancy. Perhaps its most appealing feature is the incredible view out to the water, which happened to be lit by moonlight the night I visited. It’s a picturesque view of an otherwise tired and run down New London. The owners, two women who decided to combine two passions, brag that they have the best cappuccino and espresso in the area, but caution that “if you spill on the books, you buy them.”

Just down the street from Greene’s, you’ll find the Harvest Moon Cafe, which is much like our own Coffee Grounds, with one very appealing difference, it is off-campus. A little darker and more artistically decorated than Coffee Grounds, you are immediately enveloped in an aura of discussion and contemplation. Black and white photos of life’s beauty and ugliness hang on the walls over the heads of the patrons. Smoky and relaxed, a step from the street into another world where time stands still except the steam rising from the mug in front of you. Friendly service greets you with a smile and patience, knowing full well that the decision of what to drink is crucial to the experience of clear thought and aids in its articulation through words.

In order to get to these misplaced islands in a sea of depression and crime, only three things are needed: one, a ride; two, matter who, when or by what means, but getting there is the hardest part though it’s not that far away. Two, an open mind to the experience of clear thought that often comes after spending long periods of time in a coffee shop. Three, good friends to accompany you. This is optional, though, because it is not necessary to share a cup of coffee with another, but enjoying it alone is often times needed as well. There are two disciples.

Kyle photography

Move aside Coffee Grounds, there’s competition

By Andris Zobs
THE COLLEGE VOICE

Millstone shut down raises more safety concerns

Despite expectations that the plant would return to service within the six-month period of the nuclear power plant Millstone, of Waterford Connecticut, suffered another setback Saturday March 30 as its last remaining reactor, Millstone 3, underwent a controlled shutdown due to a problem detected with a containment isolation valve. The shutdown, expected to last up to a week is simply the last instalment in a series of ongoing safety violations and malfunctions that have come to light in recent months amidst allegations of poor management and cover-ups on behalf of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, the agency that regulates the United States' 109 nuclear power plants, and Northeast Utilities, the controlling owner of the plant.

The problem with the valve was discovered during a thorough inspection of the plant in order to determine if it was in compliance with Nuclear Regulatory Commission regulations and able to resume normal operation in the wake of widely publicized safety concerns. The valve, which is crucial remotely, is one of several that are used to prevent the release of liquid or gas from the containment building during abnormal operating procedures. As Millstone workers try to remedy the faulty valve, Northeast Utilities spokesman, Joe Pillittere, said the shutdown will not affect electricity levels to customers, but the shutdown is expected to cost NorthEast Utilities 1.2 million dollars a day to cover the cost of power.

The plant, which has been on the Nuclear Regulatory Commission’s “watch list” since late January of this year, was scheduled to be reopened this past week, before the discovery of the valve problem. Last Friday came a letter written in late March to the top Northeast Utilities nuclear official from eighteen federal legislators who reported findings that “raise substantial questions as to whether Millstone is being operated and maintained in accordance with license conditions and commission regulations.” The disin-
SGA revamps key processes

Constitution committee eliminated, approval power goes to assembly:

First in a two part series

By Jenny Barron
EDITOR IN CHIEF

SGA voted last week to rework the process by which club constitutions are approved, transferring the power to make decisions on the merit individual clubs from the Constitution Committee to the Assembly as a whole. The Assembly disbanded the committee which formerly reviewed all submitted constitutions.

"The Assembly is the place where the debate on merit should begin and end," said Alex Coto, SGA vice president as he introduced the proposal. In the newly approved process, the Vice President will be in charge only of proof-reading constitutions, making sure they are grammatically correct, well-organized, typographically correct, and consistent with other constitutions, before they are brought to the Assembly.

The Assembly will proof-read the constitution again, determine if the purpose of the proposed club is met by an existing club, and decides if the club meets the definition of a student organization. According to the C-Book, a student organization is one composed of and controlled by students with a common interest who, through a clearly defined purpose, create a product that enhances the quality of life at Connecticut College.

The new process also provides for appeals of the Vice President's decision. Any club that feels that the Vice President has dismissed their constitution for reasons other than syntax can either turn to their senator or class president. Either of these representatives can then discuss the issue with the Vice President or take the matter to the Assembly in the form of a proposal.

In the past, club constitutions have been reviewed an approved by a committee headed by the Vice President. If approved, the constitution goes on to a vote by the Assembly. But if the constitution is rejected, there has not traditionally been a process for appeal.

Concerns about the approval process for constitutions were brought to light with this year's rejection of The College Voice Media Group's constitution and the controversial constitution of the Comm Review.

April fool's day strikes Branford

By Jenny Barron
EDITOR IN CHIEF

When Branford residents woke up on April Fool's Day and stumbled into the bathroom to brush their teeth, there was a surprise waiting for them. In honor of the mischievous holiday, someone had removed all of the doors from the bathroom stalls. On every floor and every stall, they were missing.

According to Dan Traum, house fellow of Branford, the stalls were taken between 1:30am and 4:00am Monday morning.

"Someone called me early Monday morning and said 'Dan, they're gone,'" laughed Traum.

But the jokers did leave a ransom note posted on the dorm's bulletin board: "Branford, we know you're bitter because we have the doors to your #781. They demanded that $10,000 be sent to the Every Women's Center for the return of the doors.

Traum added that most people in the dorm took the situation in stride, recognizing it for what it was: a really funny practical joke.

"However, most people were starting to get upset by the second day when they hadn't been returned," Traum commented. "I sent out a message that said you know, it really doesn't bother me that much because I have my own bathroom, but we'd really like the doors returned."

In the meantime, the bathroom stalls were equipped with shower curtains for privacy. But Traum said that he heard many dorm residents frequented the library bathrooms instead.

To the relief of Branford residents, the doors were found and reinstalled Tuesday night. Traum said that the people responsible put the doors back and no punitive action will be taken.

"But though the doors may be back, according to the dorm's senator, things are still not quite right."

"They don't fit quite right," commented Lisa Dupee at last week's SGA meeting. "If we could find a way to get the right doors back with the right stalls, that would be great."

Smoking section returns to Harris

By Ashley Stevens
THE COLLEGE VOICE

Connecticut College smokers can rest a little easier now that the smoking section of Harris has been reopened. Following a food fight on Friday, March 29, after which gravy was found on the plates and mashed potatoes on the walls and floor, the smoking section was closed in an attempt to find the persons responsible for the mess.

"I have been here eleven years and haven't seen the likes of this," commented Matt Fay, director of dining services. He added that the partition separating the smoking section from the rest of Harris was removed in an attempt to prevent similar incidents, by adding the risk of the perpetrators being seen and by removing any peer pressure to create the mess.

Although some names were mentioned, no one came forward to accept responsibility for the incident, and after five or six days of being closed, Fay decided that it was a dead issue and reopened the smoking section.

In response to student smokers' concerns that there are people who would like to see the smoking section in Harris phased out, Fay added that there are indeed some people that feel that way, and that whether or not the new Harris has a smoking section is something that will have to be addressed at the planning stage for construction take-effect. (For more information on the New Harris see "Plex renovations create housing concerns," pg. 1.)
Millstone
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extensive media coverage nationwide, including the cover of Time magazine, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission has quickly increased its attentiveness to the problems surrounding Millstone. Victor Dricks, a spokesman for the Nuclear Regulatory Commissioner’s regional office, said, since the recent shutdown, said the Commission will make it more difficult for Millstone to restart. Millstone 1 and Millstone 2 have been shutdown since October and February, respectively.

The plant, in operation since December of 1970, has attracted much attention recently due to the efforts of two of its former engineers, George Galatis and George Betancourt. Galatis, aided by the technical expertise of Betancourt, have launched a campaign that will bring to the publics attention the flagrant safety violations that have occurred at Millstone for years as well as Northeast Utilities and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission’s regional office, said, since the recent shutdown, said he was referring to the chicken...

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Horoscopes

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Early in the week, you spend some time trying to figure out why someone is being so evasive on the work front. At home, however, peace and harmony happily reign. This weekend, matters relating to education, travel and publishing are highlighted.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) There’s some confusion at work early in the week. However, the news you’ve been waiting for regarding a financial matter is positive. The weekend looks good for getting together with family members you haven’t seen in a while.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) It’s not a good week to make any real financial decisions or moves. Right now, the trends affecting you are mixed. However, later in the week, good news comes about money. Steer clear of those who would take advantage of you.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) As much as you hate to believe it, not everyone around you is on the up-and-up. In fact, there is someone close to you who is lying to you outright. You need to take off those rose-colored glasses.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) You’re not communicating effectively this week, and people have a hard time as a result. On your part, you’re frustrated by what you perceive as a lack of cooperation on your part of those around you.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) There is deceit in your chart now, so be wary of someone whose motives are highly suspect. Trust your instincts.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Before plunging into an assignment, be sure that all your questions are answered. If not, you’ll spend some time over the weekend correcting what you did wrong. If you do it right the first time, you’re happy with the results.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Your significant other is going through a bit of a crisis and needs some space and time away from you. Despite your tendency toward possessiveness, you need to be understanding with this person. All turns out in the end.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Early in the week, you’re frustrated when someone breaks a promise and you end up doing the lion’s share of work. However, in general, if a happy week where romance is concerned.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Children are not very forthcoming this week and you must do some digging to get to the bottom of a situation. However, mix your discipline with a good dose of love. In romance, you need to get on a more even keel.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Buy a date is off-kilter at work and you’re hard-pressed early on to find out what is it. A co-worker is a surprising ally in this endeavor. Together, you are able to come up with a workable solution.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) A family member is in need of your help and advice this week. Despite your unwillingness to go that extra mile, you won’t be sorry in the long run that you reached out to this person.

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Books by Ralph Hollenbeck

AMBROSE BIERCE: Alone in Bad Company, by Roy Morris, Jr. (Crown: $30.00). Ambrose Bierce’s main literary legacy is a slim volume of invective titled “The Devil’s Dictionary.” It is a cynic as a “blackguard whose faulty vision convinces them that they are, not as they ought to be.” Bierce must have looked inward for that characterization, for his subsequent caustic commentary as journalist, author and poet spared no one and earned him the nickname “Bitter Bierce.” As biographer historian Morris notes in reference to Bierce’s Civil War enlistment, “The jaundiced young man who disliked his parents, his siblings, his schoolmates, his neighbors, and the world at large, now had a cause, if only temporarily, a calling greater than his own inverted bitterness.” Bierce definitely was attracted to that ultimate bitterness... he distinguished himself in the Civil War, reported the Spanish-American War, and mysteriously disappeared in 1914 during one of Mexico’s frequent revolutions (raising conjecture whether he fell victim to the conflict or used it to mask his suicide). Morris sums up Bierce’s major literary impact: “...the humane immorality of his best war stories will continue to endure.” Morris has done his homework well in reconstructing the life of a most elusive personality. His Bierce acros as a talented writer, a most interesting human being.

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This Week in History

On April 19, 1682, Robert Cavelier, Sieur de La Salle, claimed the lower Mississippi River country for France, calling it Louisiana... April 12, 1951, General Douglas MacArthur was removed from his Korea command for unauthorized public statements... April 8, 1952, President Truman ordered the seizure of the nation’s steel mills in order to avert a strike... April 12, 1980, at President Jimmy Carter’s request, the U.S. Olympic Committee voted not to attend the Moscow Summer Olympics because of the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan... April 12, 1981, the space shuttle Columbia, the world’s first reusable space craft, was sent into space and completed its successful mission two days later... April 9, 1995, two Hamas suicide bombers killed themselves, seven Israeli soldiers, and a Jewish student who was an American citizen when they detonated bombs in the Gaza Strip... April 10, 1990, Sen. Bob Dole of Kansas announced his candidacy for the Republican presidential nomination... April 10, 1995, Rep. Nathan Deal (Ga.) announced that he was switching to the Republican party... April 13, 1995, Rep. Robert Dornan (R-Cal.) entered the Republican contest for president.

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Mike Brown

As a candidate for SGA President, Ted Svehlik says he feels that leading by example is very important. "You should lead by example," said Svehlik. "You can't expect other people to abide by the honor code if you yourself don't do it." He added that, as the school moves up in gaining recognition, student leaders must remember that they represent Connecticut College.

Svehlik said he feels that his is a pretty approachable person, but stressed the importance of being strong personality. "When you go into a meeting with Claire, you have to be able to tell her what the students want," explained Svehlik.

He said that two of the major issues facing students will be upcoming dorm renovations and student-faculty relations. Svehlik said that he is concerned that student will be living in Lazarus next year.

"It was the absolute last choice for the most part when it was open in the past," he explained. "If you're happy where you're living, you're happy with your Conn experience."

He said he was also concerned that the faculty felt hurt when the students passed the Con Review and wanted to work to strengthen student-faculty relations. "It's important to be around and talk to people to find out what they want," Svehlik commented.

Vice President candidate Mike Brown, currently senator of JA, says that one of his goals for next year would be to work on better diplomacy. He explains that some mistakes were made this year, but adds that hindsight is 20/20.

"The Vice President and the Finance Committee is really a service organization," commented Brown. "It's there, not to regulate, but to enable things to happen. It's really so people can have fun."

Brown said that he is very much in favor of the recent changes made to the constitution process.

"It was a bit unclear, that's why it was a fiasco...Evaluating the constitutions should be the job of the Assembly," Brown explained.

As for the finance process, Brown said that he expects that would require a great deal of his attention. He said that he has been in contact with Alex Cote, current vice president, and if the process is changed, it will be the job of next year's vice president to work with and facilitate the new process.

"I want to be able to communicate with students so I know what they want," explained Brown. "The emphasis I'd like to put on the role of the Vice President is not the budget but the clubs...their needs extend past when they get their allocation."

Voting and Class

Academic Affairs

Maya Perry

Maya Perry, currently senator of Freeman, is running for Chair of Academic Affairs because she says she wants to ensure that students have a voice in academic concerns of the college.

"I want to focus on communication," said Perry. "I want to be able to communicate with students so I know what they want." She explains that she would work on increasing the information flow on academic affairs through work with The College Voice and the SGA Public Relations Director.

"There shouldn't be a separation between SGA and the rest of the campus," Perry added. "We're not super students, we're all on the same basic level."

Specifically, Perry plans to address the issue of communication within departments.

"BAC[the Board of Advisory Chairs] should interact more with the students within their departments," Perry said, adding that she would like to see the individual boards put out frequent department newsletters to keep majors, minors, and professors informed. She said she would also like to see student involvement in BAC increase. Perry explained that, when she became a member of the government advisory board, the chair had a lot of difficulty getting students to run for positions.

Perry also stressed the importance of making sure students have a strong voice in the restructuring of the German and Russian Departments. She explained that she wants to make sure that majors in those departments are able to complete their study here at Conn if they wish, without being forced to study abroad.

Public Relations

Director

Sam Foreman

Public Relations candidate Sam Foreman said one of his goals is to change the way in which SGA interacts with the campus community.

"My goal for next year is to totally change the way SGA deals with this campus," commented Foreman. "SGA is really too serious...if you can lighten it up, you can make people more interested in coming to meetings."

He explained that he would like to set up a program where senors would post information from SGA meetings immediately following Thursday night meetings. Foreman added that personal contact is very important to ensure that students are informed of issues facing their student government. He added that he would also like to publish and SGA newsletter on a monthly basis as well as setting up a page for SGA on the World Wide Web.

"Information needs to be a little more personal and I want to make it easier to read and more fun to deal with," commented Foreman.

Foreman said that one issue he would like to address next year is the improvement of student-faculty relations.

"I'd like to find a way to bridge the gap between those two groups," said Foreman. "It needs to be a two-sided venture...you need to get students and faculty to talk when they don't have to."

But Foreman added that there are a lot of problems facing the campus community that can not be addressed by the SCA PR Director.
CANDIDATE PROFILES

Young Alumni Trustee

Lisa Paone

Lisa Paone says she feels her past roles on SGA and in house government, including as a student advisor and a house senator, would help her to address student concerns as a Young Alumni Trustee (YAT). Paone, currently Chair of Residential Life, says that her involvement has allowed her to get to know many students in all classes.

"I am pretty deeply involved in the major issues that will carry over to next year," said Paone, referring to the upcoming dorm renovations and the recurring theme of creating a sense of community on campus.

"It definitely requires a very strong leadership," she added, saying that taking a dorm off line will be a crunch and will take a lot of cooperation.

Paone said that she would ensure that she was in communication with students through SGA and talking with people.

"I would make sure that everyone knows what's going on and why everything is the way it is," she explained.

Paone will be living on the east coast after graduation and says she would make every attempt to keep in touch with the campus as much as possible.

Dan Traum

Dan Traum, currently house fellow of Branford, believes that most important role of a YAT is to remain in close contact with the campus community so that they can inform the Board of Trustees of the concerns of the student body.

"YAT makes the Board aware of the needs of the students," commented Traum. "If that link is not strongly established, the board could, without knowing it, run over students." He added that students need to be made aware that the YATs are an outlet for their concerns.

"Students are going to raise concerns, some of which are going to be major, and it is the job of the YAT to make sure these concerns are heard," explained Traum.

But Traum stressed that it is the job of the YAT to get in touch with students and not necessarily the other way around. He said that he would utilize voice mail, email, and occasional visits to the college to have lunch with students.

"It's a very intensive job," said Traum. "Anyone who thinks that the job stops at the four or five trustee meetings a year is mistaken." He also stressed the importance of being able to relate to students as well as CEOs of major companies, the Chair of the Board of Trustees, and the President of the College.

Traum also said that he would try to talk, not only to members of student government, but to students who are involved in all areas of the campus.

Ryan Poirier

YAT candidate Ryan Poirier, currently house fellow of Wyndam, said he feels that it is important for any student leader to be held accountable to those that they represent.

"People who are student leaders have an obligation to the students who elected them to be the students that they represent," he commented.

Poirier cited student moral as a continuing campus concern. He explained that everything from the quality of the food in Harris to dorm renovations to the budget process can contribute to student satisfaction. He also cited study away changes and department changes as important issues that would need to be monitored.

"The best thing is to keep up personal relationships with people who are still at the college," said Poirier.

"This should include students from all different worlds in order to get a complete picture of what's going on," he added that he would keep in touch via email and voice mail, as well as occasional campus visits.

Poirier said that maintaining contacts with faculty and staff at the college is also important.

"While the YAT's foremost responsibility is to students, it is also important to be aware of different perspectives for different situations," commented Poirier.

He added that the role of a YAT is to be in contact all different concerns and ensure that their voices are heard.

Lisa Dupee

YAT candidate Lisa Dupee, currently senator of Branford, stressed that a YAT must be able to connect with the past, present, and future college community. She said that it is important to be in contact with the Alumni Office, current student leaders, and the Administrative Office.

"If you can't connect all three, it's not going to happen... there's a balance you have to find and you have to strike that relationship," commented Dupee.

She cited the Plex renovations, the restructuring of the German and Russian departments, and the new general education plan as some of the key issues facing students this year and in the immediate future.

Dupee described the role of the YAT as continuing that link between students, faculty, and administrators and stressed the necessity of maintaining a strong connection even while away from the campus.

"It's being able to communicate to the trustees what the students want out of this place and why it is special," explained Dupee.

She added that it is important to keep day to day concerns in mind when looking at the overall issues of social, political, and academic questions.

William Intner

Young Alumni Trustee (YAT) candidate William Intner, currently Senior Class President, feels that it is important that a YAT be able to address current issues as well as those which have not yet come up.

"The biggest issues that students currently know about are not as big as the ones that will come up in the future," Intner said. He added that when issues, like the renovation of the Plex, do come to the forefront, the role of the YAT is to stress student involvement in the discussion and resolution of those issues.

"This is why it is so important for a YAT to be in close contact with the campus," commented Intner. "That means not just calling up the SGA President, but talking to representatives of all different groups."

He said he would inform himself of campus issues via voice mail, email, and personal visits to the campus.

Intner also stressed the importance of SGA experience in any SGA candidate.

"No matter how much training the Board of Trustees gives you, it can't make up for the experience of sitting on different committees," he explained, adding that this would help the YAT in relating to students as well as to other members of the campus community.

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THIS YEAR MAKE YOUR VOICE COUNT!
When I stepped into Hillyer Hall on Thursday evening, I was immediately surrounded by the sights and sounds of a play rehearsal. Under the careful direction of Stevenson Carlebach, this semester's production of Christopher Durang's dark comedy The Marriage of Bette and Boo, is on its way to becoming a big hit.

This show, unlike the previous productions this year, will be performed on the full stage, with house seating, instead of black box. Not that that should detract from the play itself. Once again utilizing the talents of designer Bob Phillips, Ed Chibbris, Thomas Ladd, and the Theatre Services staff, the set for Bette and Boo will definitely impress the viewers.

Told from the point of view of the title couple's only child, Matt (played by senior Jeremy Goskin), the plot behind The Marriage of Bette and Boo is the most autobiographical of Durang's plays. It is about the life and habits of Bette and Boo (Bethany Caputo and Greg Kelcer), and their respective in-laws, from their marriage to their deaths.

At first the viewer may see the characters as caricatures of real people, but as the play progresses, the reality of the personas come through, causing one to recall one's own eccentric family members. From the sickly Emily (Amy Finkel) to the abusive Karl (Michael Noon) to the flighty Soot (Andrea Ruccio), the reality of the characters adds an under lying sadness to the "dark humor" of the play.

"Everyone put a tremendous amount of effort into their respective characters," said stage manager Elizabeth Anne Lee when asked about the progress of the play. Lee went on to describe the cast as being a "pleasure to work with."

"They seem to have [a] total commitment to the show and to their characters," said Lee.

Total commitment to a show on behalf of the cast and crew is absolutely mandatory to have a successful show, and from the looks of it, Bette and Boo will be a success. The Marriage of Bette and Boo will be showing on April 18, 19, and 20.

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SGA President and YAT recommendations

We recommend Ted Svehlík for the position of SGA President. While both candidates are qualified and this was a difficult call to make, we feel that the most important qualifications of a President are approachability and the skill to relate to the student community as a whole. In his current capacities both SAC-Chair and SGA executive board member, Svehlík has proven himself to be adaptable.

We strongly recommend Dan Traum for the position of Young Alumni Trustee (YAT). Traum exemplifies a YAT's strong continued connection to the campus and the necessity that the position represent all students. These elements, especially the latter, are crucial to this position. While the ability to work with student government is important, as other candidates reiterated, Traum's commitment to representing the whole of the community stood out.

SGA makes move towards better representation

Who better to decide the merit of student organizations than the representatives of the members of those organizations? The student government assembly is meant to represent every student on this campus in some way, whether it is through your class president or your senator. These are the people who are meant to decide issues that affect the students of this campus. This is a move that has been made a long time ago and the Vice President deserves praise for spearheading a proposal that transfers power from his own position.

The idea also frees the Vice President from his role as a regulator of student activity. With his power to decide whether or not the legitimacy of a club should even be discussed by the Assembly removed, he can now act as an impartial advocate for all clubs.

Given that the Vice President's main task is to serve as a voice for student organizations, this move is both needed and warranted.

Now when new clubs are proposed and organizations look to improve existing constitutions, the members will have a much more diverse group deciding their case.

In the past, and most notably this year, a very select few have been vested with the responsibility of judging a club's right to exist. This has led to controversies over the motivations at this small committee. It is much less likely that such questions will arise about the views of the whole Assembly.

The new system also adds an integral component of any democracy, the right to appeal a committee's decision. If a constitution is voted down, the membership of that organization can take its case to either their senator or class president for reconsideration. This gives the club a second chance to make their case, with the opportunity to address the concerns brought up by the Assembly.

The importance of representation in the ideal of shared governance cannot be stressed enough. It is what our founding fathers dedicated their lives to over two centuries ago, and it is what we continue to fight for now. This latest change will let the SGA assembly vote as representatives of the entire college community rather than having just a few members voting on the fate of an organization. This is truly an idea dedicated to preserving the right for representation within our shared governance.

One can only hope that they will apply this recent show of wisdom and democracy as they prepare to revamp the finance process.

Schmoozing

We'd like to start by thanking Rick Shiels for his writing. We wish to send our congratulations, in a桶talorial concerning the schmoozing article of a few weeks past entitled "The Case For Southern Secession." It was after reading your letter that we realized how thankful we are for people like you. Without keen journalistic oversight from the Voice staff and individuals such as yourself, we are in danger of living in an信息 world, an article without an asshole. The fact that you actually are so paranoid about being one of the other four. Never-}

landed George Clinton or Dave Matthews, and then to our dismay the fact that the Middle Finger Box and They Might Be Giants. Since our hopes for a municipally owned Florida has passed we'd like to offer some suggestions to the future fans of Florida funk:

Hasselhoff - We don't care how much he costs and neither will the administration after they clear the eyes upon the moribund mass of machinists that is David Hasselhoff. He bullies the hell out of the Conch Republic and Tallahassee so hard your lips'll pucker themselves.

Rick James - Mild-mannered Rick might be out of fashion by the time Florida '97 rolls around, and for a couple thousand and a couple thousand more he could shake his bear-squealed glittering mane into the delight of all. Just don't turn on "Cool Touch this" in the middle of "Superfreak" or Rick's liable to force you to smoke crack with him. Rupaul - There would be nothing like a six foot four freak dressed from head to toe in sparkles to blow all the men on drugs.

Dewy's Midnight Runners - We have been bombarded by these local gay rockers that actually are such aが foul wind it is. And since there is nothing of real import we'd like to recommend Ted Svehlik for the position of SGA President.

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countless animals. Science has shown that animals can feel, suffer and experience pain, panic and fear. 95% of US beef comes from factory farms in which calves are immobilized, de-beaked, castrated, branded, de-horned and fed iron-deficient diets so that their tender flesh will appeal to gourmet appetites. Chickens are so small that they can't stretch their wings. They are so immobilized, their feet grow into the cage. By choosing vegetarianism you are ending a great deal of suffering.

The second major reason for vegetarianism is the impact it has on the environment. It takes 12 times more food resources to sustain one vegetarian diet than a non-vegetarian diet. 260 million acres of U.S. forest has been cleared to create cropland to produce our meat. Each pound of meat also uses all water used for all purposes in the United States is used in livestock irrigation. A University of California study says that it takes 25 gallons of water to produce one pound of wheat; it takes 330 gallons to produce one pound of meat. A vegetarian diet is a choice you can make three times a day for a healthier Earth.

On top of the benefits for the animals and for the Earth, a vegetarian diet is also healthy for the human body. Meat is generally high in fat, toxins and cholesterol. Our meat-based diet is a major factor for why heart disease is such a high rate of heart attacks, strokes and why we are generally overweight. Further-more, the6 high intake of meat has been implicated in the development of osteoporosis, kidney disease and cancer. In short, we usually have almost four times as much chance to developing breast cancer as women who eat little or no meat.

There are many more reasons and for a more in-depth look at the issue there are countless books on the topic. If you need a title the classic "Diet for a New America" will point you in the right direction. I strongly encourage you to try to cut down or cut out the meat in your diet. This week is a great start.

by John Hirsh

All info from Beyond Bird by Jeremy Rifkin, s.p. 1994, sounds good as fud. Rifkin, The Vegetarian Sourcebook by Keith Allen and Animal Factory by Jim Mason and Peter Singer

Ban on Halogen lamps unnecessary

The idea of a separate student handbook is a great one, and it wasn't long before I found my-self (even as a senior) thumbing through the pages, looking at the new layout and trying to find changes in various campus regulations. One which jumped out immediately was the new ban on halogen floor lamps (section 11, page 13). While there are some valid points in enacting such a ban, the resultant short-and-long term benefits don't seem worth the trouble of such strict regulations. It seems that the committee, instead of offering alternatives and improvements to the current in-house lighting situation, decided to make a ban on halogen floor lamps.

This press, while it pointed out many important issues regarding room safety, did not offer any alternative solutions to the problem. The committee attacked a symptom of a problem area, not the root cause.

I'm certain that the ban on halogen lamps was due to their extremely high operating temperature. A typical halogen floor lamp can produce temperatures upwards of 200°F Fahrenheit, hot enough to ignite many flammable objects which are found on the walls of a typical student room (i.e. Tapestries, large posters, etc.). Also, these lamps use a fairly high amount of power - the average halogen floor lamp is a 300-watt variable power lamp. As the housing committee had to approve the new regulation, it would seem that these factors weighed heavily in their consideration.

However, the ramifications of a ban may be less this than reality than they are on paper. It is a well-known fact that the typical Connecticut College student is not a light-fetishist. The low-energy fluorescent bulbs (known to many students as "glowing floor lamps") have created such a negative backlash among the housing authorities that people have been put to place them next to highly flammable materials, like fabrics (tapestries) and paper. However, with a bit of careful planning - the same type man makes when arranging furniture in a room - a halogen lamp can "peacefully co-exist" with the furnishings in any room without causing incidences. A more thoughtfull housing committee made a great mistake in banning halogen floor lamps.

If one of these lamps are so dangerous why do they take it upon themselves to physically empower themselves through self-defense. Thursday night Dickens debriefs continues to grow in size, but many still fought so hard to get rid of the stereotypes of all men as predators of the night stalking women and women as wide eyed innocent virgins who need to be protected. I would like to say that not all women on campus subscribe to such biased views of the opposite sex.

Rudi Rip '96

Women's Center sponsors awareness week

Rape. Domestic violence. Incest. Sexual harassment. Gender inequality. These topics disturb you, then learn more about them. We are all affected by them, whether from occurring or simply acknowledging and respecting the victims. Participate in "Women's Not Men's More," the week of awareness and empowerment sponsored by the Women's Center Safe Sex Workshops.

This week, April 8-12, includes activities such as safe sex workshops, workshops to Take Back the Night, the Rally, the clothes project, and a poetry slam. Everyone is welcome and everyone should attend.

The week schedule is Monday, April 8 Leather, Lace, & Latex, sponsored by the women's center at Connecticut College. Wednesday, April 10 Open mic with singer, actor, and all round performer Jolin Ribble describes and performs a collection of tee-shirts dedicated to the victims of rape, domestic violence, and incest. All proceeds will be donated to the CONNsafe for more details about the Clothes Project. For any shirts or denims donated for the project would be greatly appreciated. Also, volunteers are needed to assist with the week-long activities. Please call the Women's Center at x2824 if you are willing to volunteer or donate shirts.

Gender equality. Self-defense. Safe sex. Women's rights. Help to promote these beliefs by supporting the Women's Center's "Silent No More, Fear No More."

Alison Hight '98

Student outraged at "enfisted" poster

I would like to respond to something posted anonymously in my bathroom. It's a piece of gray paper with this text in bold letters: "In one survey 51 percent of college men said they would rape if they were certain they could get away with it. I have many problems with this announcement. What is this survey they are referring to? How was the question phrased in this survey? Who conducted this survey? In what year was it conducted? How did they define rape? How many men were surveyed? Where was this study conducted? How was it published? Did "feminists" post this? For men and women to move forward to equality, women can not have all men. We cannot say we are all equal and say that half of all men are evil. Many feminists are moving back towards dangerous stereotypes that many fought so hard to get rid of, the stereotypes of all men as predators of the night stalking women and women as wide eyed innocent virgins who need to be protected. I would like to say that not all women on campus subscribe to such biased views of the opposite sex.

Eden Savino '98

awards for her poetry about gender violence. Throughout the week, the Clothesline Project, a collection of tee-shirts dedicated to victims of rape, domestic violence, and incest, will be located in Shain Library or on Larrabee Green, depending on the weather. The week, the Women's Center, a collection of tee-shirts dedicated to victims of rape, domestic violence, and incest, will be located in Shain Library or on Larrabee Green, depending on the weather. The week, the Women's Center, a collection of tee-shirts dedicated to victims of rape, domestic violence, and incest, will be located in Shain Library or on Larrabee Green, depending on the weather.
**Men's Rowing is Prepared for a Competitive Season**

By Silas Bauer

The next time you stumble back to your room at 5:00 am on Saturday morning, keep a drunken eye out for members of the men's rowing team as they diligently head to the Thames River for yet another morning practice.

The sacrifice has paid off as the team boats three strong boats. They devoted the entire winter, as well as the entire two weeks of spring break, to hard-core training and preparation for the upcoming racing season. The team is being led by Captain John Lusins. The varsity boat, after being rowed by Gene from last year, has benefited from the arrivals of freshman Nick Ziebarth and transfer Drew DiPaola.

As a conclusion to the spring break training sessions, the varsity eight traveled to Brown University to scrimmage in the highly competitive Division I. Freshman Brown freshman on March 23. Over the course of four racing pieces, Conn's varsity hung tight and won the race. The athletes train, and very nearly beat them. It was a large buildup, and the varsity eight. The captain, Coach John Lusins, said that it was the best effort by one of his crews since the annual scrimmage was bowed in 1992.

One week later on March 30, all three Conn boats faced UNH and UMass-Lowell in their first official race of the season. The varsity, with their line-up of stroke, Scott Williams, 7, Phil Bowen, 6, Nick Ziebarth, 5, Drew DiPaola, 4, Cory Rivas, 3, Keith McGahan, 2, captain John Lusins, and bow, Silas Bauer, approached the starting line with a chip on their shoulders from a loss the year before, and prepared to crush their opponents. Unfortunately, it was apparent before the race even started, that their lane and starting position were to their disadvantage. A powerful burst at the end of the race almost pulled them past UMass-Lowell into second place, but it was just a bit too late, and so Conn finished a disappointing third.

The result, determined not to let Lowell and UNH get the better of them, approached the starting line prepared, and rowed a hard fought race. Coming in second, they crushed Lowell and made UNH fight hard to win. The team was impressed with the JV's effort.

The third varsity, comprised mostly of newcomers to the sport, approached their race with confidence and did well enough to be within a couple of meters of the varsity. The team was conscious of the experience of the varsity, and very rarely beat them. It was a large buildup, and the varsity eight. The captain, Coach John Lusins, said that it was the best effort by one of his crews since the annual scrimmage was bowed in 1992.

When asked his reaction to the Men's Lacrosse game on Saturday against Bowdoin, the first words out of coach Fran Shields mouth were "I'm psyched!" Coach Shields had good reason to be, the Camel's boat the Bowdoin Polar Bears 14-10 in 10 of the team's best showings this season.

Going into the game the Camels were 3-2, coming off of two tough losses earlier in the week to Middlebury and Trinity. Middlebury, which is ranked sixth in the nation, defeated Conn last Saturday afternoon by the narrow margin of 9-7. Then on Wednesday Conn came back from a siz- able Trinity lead to take them into double overtime, but fell to them 8-7. They came into the game against Bowdoin off of two hard fought losses, and they came to play.

The game opened with freshman attackman rebound Weesy's first NESCAC start, and a Conn possession. Sophomore Chris Abplanalp charged into scoring position and slid in with a goal in the first seconds of play. The dominance and intensity of that one play set the tone for the rest of the game. Right away seniors Andrew Margie and Jesse Perkins scored nine goals during the team's trip to Colorado earlier in the season, but had been shut out in the previous two games this week. "Marge's comeback was key to this win.," said Coach Shields. Bowdoin had two quick goals with six minutes left to salvage back into contention. But that was the last time they scored. Perkins, who later received fifteen stitches to his chin, came back in and didn't fall to a player with time left. The Camel's tri-captains Ben Smith, Perkins, and Lange scored another goal to end the game with a 14-10 win.

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**Women's crew races in the right direction**

by Jenny Marchick

**SPORTS EDITOR**

During the past two months twenty three women have given their heart, soul, and time to the Connecticut College Women's Crew. Many of them rowed this fall as well, and have spent more time either in the tanks or on the water than anywhere else this year.

The team this year is led by Coach Wolter, former coach of the American National Light Weight Four. The athletes train vigorously, most times seven days a week, in preparation for their highly competitive and successful schedule. The Camels boast four strong boats this season: the Varsity Eight, the Rowing Eights, the Novice Four, and the Novice Eight. Coach Wolter wrote, "After a shaky start, Conn led from the beginning and was able to dominate the field even though they under performed with their rivals by 1-2 strokes per minute."

With that win they extended their record to 7-0. Some believe that "we are a young team with a lot of potential but also with a lot of previous racing experience."

The JV Eight raced the entire course, trading the lead with Mt. Holyoke. Conn edged them out by 0.8 seconds and brought their record to 5-0.

The Novice Four have had good showings and the signs of their tremendous hard work and dedication is evident in the drastic improvement during the season.

The only Conn race at home is an early morning contest against the Coast Guard Academy; they face the Bears between 5-7 a.m. on Tuesday, March 19. Next weekend the team faces Williams, MIT, and Worcester Polytechnic at Worcester.

Co-Athlete's of the Week are Jesse Perkins of the Men's Lacrosse team, and Jessica Bell of the Women's Lacrosse team. Perkins had an incredible week; winning 13 of 19 face-offs and scoring two goals against Trinity, then won 14 of 23 face-offs and again scored two goals against Bowdoin. Bell was a force on the field; scoring 5 goals in the hard fought double over time loss against Trinity, and scored 2 in the 10- over previously undefeated Amherst. Congratulations to Jesse Perkins and Jessica Bell.